Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* At that time there was a sudden glut of jaggery in the Madras Province. They wanted to dispose of those stocks quickly and so they entered into this arrangement.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Industries and Commerce):* May I know which all merchants get jaggery into State?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Was there not sufficient stock with the Cochin Government when these merchants brought down jaggery from Madras?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Just for a month, that is all.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Was there any reduction in the price of jaggery soon after the merchants brought it?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The official rate of jaggery always depends upon the price at which we are getting it from the Madras Government. There was a reduction subsequently.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Is it a fact that the jaggery was taken from the merchants at the reduced rate?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The merchants were paid the price fixed by the Madras Government. That price together with the charges incurred by them was paid to the merchants.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* How long after the jaggery was got down, was it taken from the merchants?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The exact date I don't remember. It was sometime after.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Was not considerable damage caused due to the delay?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It was inevitable. The merchants purchased it without consulting the Government and so they took the risk.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* When there was a glut in the Madras Market was our quota affected by the sale by the Madras Government direct to the merchants.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. These sales were not of our State quota.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was it being deducted from our quota?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Is any instruction given to the merchants not to purchase jaggery without consulting the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplis):* There is a notification prohibiting the import without Government's sanction from outside the State.

TAPIOCA CULTIVATION

83. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have taken note of the large tracts of tapioca cultivation remaining unlifted and even now out-living the season;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative will they please state what they will direct these crops to be done within the interests of both the cultivator and the consumer;

(*c*) is the product liable to deterioration and destruction if allowed to remain unlifted after the full seasonal growth?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Government are aware of the fact that large tracts of tapioca cultivation remain unlifted.

(*b*) Government do not think it necessary to give any direction to the cultivator or the consumer.

(*c*) Yes.

STRAW—STOCKS OF

84. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether since the Budget Session any return for the stocks of straw have been made to them by all or any of the cultivators of kole lands in the Trichur Taluk;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative who have done so with the quantity shown by each;

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(c) if answer to (a) is in the negative why was it not so done or caused to be done?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* (a) Yes.

(b) 1. Cheloor Manakkal Ittiravi Nambudiripad (57500 sheaves) 2. Thanikkal Kodankandath Kunjippalu Lona (61000 sheaves).

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) and (b)

EDUCATIONAL CONCESSIONS—WAR SERVICE

85. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to a note that was published on page 4 of the "Malabar Mail" in its issue dated 5th October 1944 under the caption "War Service and educational concession", stating that inspite of the fact that G. P. D2-6288/18, relating to the subject was published as early as 6th February 1943, there is very much delay in granting the concession and that Mr. A. K. Menon, Head Clerk, Technical Recruiting Office, Ernakulam who applied for educational concession to his children on 3rd July 1944 was not granted the same till date of publication of the note under reference;

(b) the total number of educational concessions (1) applied for and (2) granted to children and dependents of military employess from 6th February 1943 to end of September 1944?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (a) Yes.

(b) (1) 2210. (2) 334.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT—AUDIT OF

86. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to place the audit report of the Supply Department on the Council Table?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The audit report for the year 1118 is placed on the Council Table.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC AT TRICHUR

87. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) (1) the usual diet granted to in-patients in the tuberculosis clinic at Trichur;

(2) the number of beds in the tuberculosis clinic at Trichur;

(b) (1) when the D. G. I. M. S. visited the tuberculosis clinic at Trichur;

(2) what his remarks were, as noted in the visiting book?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (a) (1) The patients in the tuberculosis clinic get a diet consisting of rice ¾ bottle of milk, 2 eggs, and ¼ lb. mutton and some coffee.

(2) 16 beds;

(b) (1) On 26th November 1943.

(2) Copy of the remarks is appended. *(Appendix IV).*

88. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulaknnnathnkavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there are Health Visitors attached to the Tuberculosis clinic at Trichur;

(b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the number of the Health Visitors with their qualifications if any, the salary given and when they were appointed;

(c) whether doctors are entertained to supervise the work of the Health Visitors;

(d) if answer to (c) is in the negative why were doctors not appointed?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(a) No. But two will be appointed soon.

(b), (c) and (d) Does not arise.

89. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any fee is collected for X-ray films granted to patients for reference to Madanappilli;

(b) whether any fee is being collected for certificates granted to such patients;

(c) the actual amounts collected for (a) or (b) or both during the year 1119 with the names of the patients from whom such collections were made?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(a) There is no record of patients here who go to Madanappilli after they have been X-rayed.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

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